

2022 Memorial Day Ceremony – News Release

For timely press release

Memorial Day Services will be observed in East Longmeadow on Monday, May 30, 2022. There will be a short parade, placing of wreaths, raising a new American Flag and Military Honors at the East Longmeadow High School. If inclement weather, a modified ceremony will be conducted inside the high school auditorium.

Parade participants will assemble at 10:30am in the high school parking lot. Marchers will step-off at 10:50am and proceed to the high school flag pole area where the new flag will be raised. Local and state dignitaries will place a wreath near the flag pole and Military Honors will be conducted.

Memorial Day Committee Chairman Brian Tidlund, Commander of the American Legion Post 293 will be Master of Ceremonies. Principal speaker will be Veterans Service Officer for Hampden County (District 3) Michelle Barrett, East Longmeadow Town Manager, Mary McNally, and Town Council President Michael Kane. Other invited guest speakers will be State Representatives Angelo Puppolo and Brian Ashe, and Reverend Mia Kano (S. Mark's Episcopal Church).

Working members of the Memorial Day Committee are Chairmen Brian Tidlund and American Legion Post 293 members Mike Lupo, Dan Kneeland, Bob Wallace, Terry Glusko and Chris Mee. Italian American Post 64 Commander Fred Mickiewicz

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All parade participants and marching units will start forming at 10:30am in the East Longmeadow High School (ELHS) parking lot on Monday May 30, 2022. Step off will commence promptly at 10:50am, proceeding to the flagpole area where posting of the colors by Terry Glusko, Sergeant at Arms of the American Legion Post 293 and Fred Mickiewicz, Italian American Veterans Post 64 Commander will take place, followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Boy Scout Troop 179, placing of the wreaths by Town Veterans Grave Officer, Daniel Kneeland and Town Manager Mary McNally, with military honors conducted by Sergeant at Arms Terry Glusko, coupled with volleys by the firing detail and Taps by Aaron Hamilton and Adler Johnston (ELHS).

Immediately following the outdoor ceremonies all will be invited into the ELHS auditorium for the formal program.

1. Welcoming address by Brian Tidlund, Commander of American Legion Post 293
2. National Anthem performed by Brynn Erickson (ELHS)
3. Invocation by Reverend Mia Kano, St. Mark's Episcopal Church
4. Introduction by Post 293 Commander Brian Tidlund
5. Governor's Proclamation by Town Manager Mary McNally
6. General Logan's orders recited by Aaron Hamilton (ELHS)
7. In Flanders Field by John McCrea recited by Aaron Hamilton
8. Musical Selection - Themes of the Armed Forces
9. Principal Speaker by Michelle Barrett, Veterans Service Office for Hampden County District 3
10. Special Remembrance – Reading the names of deceased East Longmeadow war veterans by Michael Kane, Town Council President
11. The singing of God Bless America by Brynn Erickson
12. Remarks by State Representatives Angelo Puppolo and Brian Ashe
13. Benediction by Reverend Mia Kano, St. Mark's Episcopal Church
14. Program conclusion by Commander Brian Tidlund

All are invited to join us at the Veterans Memorial at East Longmeadow Center Square for placing of flowers and wreaths by the veterans, politicians and families of the deceased veterans, then to post 293 for light refreshments.